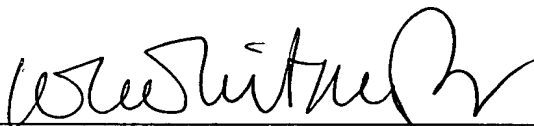


In the Abstract

(Amended) The invention relates to a medical instrument for creating a cavity for an endoscopic intervention in a human or animal body, comprising a hollow cylindrical encasing trocar tube which can be inserted into an artificial body opening and an expander [(2)] which can be extracted from and retracted into said tube [(1)]. The above-mentioned medical instrument consists of a small number of parts and is easy to handle. It is characterized in that the expander [(2)] comprises a retaining element [(6)] which is arranged outside the trocar tube [(1)] in addition to at least two spring blades [(7)] which are made of a flexible material and form an arc in the respective median sections thereof, whereby the two ends thereof are respectively fixed to the retaining element [(6)], extending through the tube [(1)] of the trocar. The invention also relates to a method for the use of said medical instrument.

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